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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) 37697-0081
In re Application of Edward W. MERRILL et al.		
Application Number 10/696,362		Filed October 30, 2003
For Radiation and Melt Treated Ultra High Molecular Weight Polyethylene Prosthetic Devices		
Group Art Unit 1711	Examiner S. Berman	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above identified application.

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I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.

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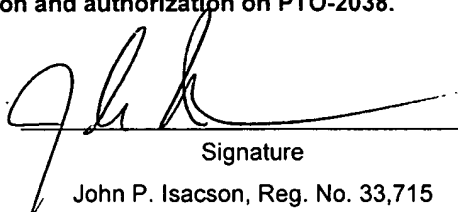
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